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Advancement of women

Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 29th, 31st, 32nd and 37th meetings, on 3, 9, 10 and 13 December 2002, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/24) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1. At the 29th meeting, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/57/7/Add.18).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.29, 31, 32 and 37).

Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/24) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.18), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1, on the future operation of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, a provision of US$ 500,000 would be required under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Under the procedures

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established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, this provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

4. The Fifth Committee further decides to recommend to the General Assembly:

(a) To approve, in the context of the consolidated statement of the programme budget implications and revised estimates, a charge in the amount of $250,000 against the contingency fund to finance core activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, defined as the salaries and common staff costs of the four Professional posts currently in the staffing table;

(b) To decide that an amount of $250,000 will be set aside in the contingency fund for the current biennium, as an additional provision to the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for core activities in 2003, which will bring the total amount to $500,000, pending firm pledges and/or payments of the voluntary contributions necessary for the viable operation of the Institute;

(c) To request the Secretary-General to report to the Fifth Committee, before the close of its resumed fifty-seventh session, on the financial situation of the Institute, including the status of voluntary contributions to meet the resource requirement necessary to ensure its viability, and to consider the additional charge against the contingency fund referred to in paragraph (b) above;

(d) To note that the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/24) was based on the recommendations of the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (see A/57/330);

(e) To request the Secretary-General to introduce the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/56/907) to the General Assembly before the close of its resumed fifty-seventh session.